"ADVERTISING SUPPLEMENT TO THE TIMES-VIRGINIAN"

Discover BEN FRANKLIN
We bring variety to life!

Save Now! HOME and OFFICE NEEDS!

Texas Instruments® Instant Replay CALCULATOR
Replay up to 20 entries, make changes easily! 5-function, AC adapter/charger.
Just 25.95 each

Bic® 5-STAR SPECIAL
• 5 ball point pens
Only 67¢ pkg.

JUMBO LETTER FILE
Only 4.88

Texas Instruments® LCD CALCULATOR in Wallet Folder
Small, lightweight, in vinyl wallet folder. Batteries last up to 2000 hours.
Only 17.95 each

PKG. OF 7 PENCILS
• No. 2 pencils
Only 44¢ each

PLASTIC LETTER FILE
Only 3.44 each

CARD OF 2 BIC® CLICS
Only 67¢

PLASTIC CHECK FILE
Only 3.44 each

Includes 6 boxes of staples . . . 5,000 per box

Executive DESK STAPLER
A great desk accessory! Wood-grain finish. Non-skid rubber base.
Only 9.95 each

Corrasable® TYPING PAPER
Only 99¢

MANILA FILE FOLDERS
• 48 Count letter size.
Only 3.99 each

STENO NOTE BOOKS
• 100 Count
• 6 x 9-in.
Only 66¢ each

Onward® TABLETS, ENVELOPES
Ruled or unruled tablets, return address envelopes.
Choice 25¢ pkg.

PKG. 100 INDEX CARDS
• 3 x 5-in.
• 4 x 6-in.
Only 33¢ pkg.

HOME SECRETARY FILE
Only 1.66

Rolodex® PHONE INDEX
• With 125 cards
Only 1.99 each
Refills . . . . . 1.19 each

8-1/2 x 11-3/4-in. LEGAL PADS
• 80 Sheets per pad
Pkg. of 3 pads 1.99

ACCOUNT BOOKS
• Record, Cash, Ledger
99¢ each

5 x 8-in. LEGAL PADS
• 50 Sheets per pad
Pkg. of 3 pads 99¢

Cash Sales CHECKS
• Numbered 1 to 50. Carbon
17¢ each

Primark® LABELER
Only 99¢ each
12-Pt. Label Tape . . . . 99c each

Sale Starts Today.

SAVE!
CHECK THESE PAGES FOR BARGAINS IN EVERY DEPARTMENT

BEN FRANKLIN®
Triangle Plaza Shopping Center Appomattox, Virginia

JEAN T. READ, HEAD
VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY
RICHMOND, VA. 23219

TIMES-VIRGINIAN

A LIVELY WEEKLY NEWSPAPER AT HISTORIC APPOMATTOX COURT HOUSE, VIRGINIA

VOLUME 87 - NUMBER 2 | APPOMATTOX (VA.) - TIMES-VIRGINIAN - JANUARY 12, 1978 | SINGLE COPY PRICE 15c

VIRGINIA STATE LIBRARY JAN 12 1978

Father Darkleaf

BY CALVIN ROBINSON

"O Wind, If Winter comes, can Spring be far behind." So wrote Shelley, famed English poet. I am ready but will have to be patient. A cold and wet week-end, followed by freezing wind makes us long for Spring. But in between there is half of January and February, plus a bit of March. Brrrrr. I ventured out this morning to start my car and the car doors were frozen. Took a lot of doing to ever get them open, but once inside, the car started at the very first touch of the starter. But I did not go anywhere, just wanted to know that could make it if I had to. Came near not getting out of the house, for the storm door had frozen. It yielded to a football-like tackle, and all is well on Martha Street.

* * *

The Battle of New Orleans was fought January 8, 1815. Andrew Jackson was the hero. Another "Battle of New Orleans" will take place this week end, when the Super Bowl football game will produce athletics heroes in the Crescent City.

* * *

A column or so ago I mentioned the death of the great entertainer, Charlie Chaplin. My neighbor, Bro. Richard Smith recalls that he saw Chaplin in World War I when Charlie came to entertain American troops in France. "He was not a big man in size but he sure told a lot of riddles and jokes. A tent was set up just behind the battle lines. He gave us a great pep talk and helped our spirits. 'I was with the First Division, the first in France and the last to leave. The French government awarded us the valued medal, the Croix de Guerre, but my medal got misplaced. We were in France nine months and another nine months in Germany. There were five battle stars on my medal." In addition to his veteran lapel button, Bro. Smith proudly wears another button . . . for Sunday School attendance. An active member of Liberty Chapel Baptist Church, he is the oldest male member. Thanks, Bro. Smith for an interesting visit in your home, and to Mrs. Smith for such gracious Virginia hospitality.

* * *

In Philadelphia in the year 1888, Joe Horn and Frank Hardit opened a new kind of restaurant, called the Automat. They went on to New York and were most successful. Five cent cup of coffee, fifteen cent slice of pie, baked beans, baked macaroni and beef stew. I have eaten in New York Automats. However, times change, and now New York has only one Automat, located at 3rd Ave. and 42nd Street. The Automat reminded me of a wall of post office boxes, where you inserted a coin, opened the box and took out your food.

* * *

I should mention that the oldest membr of Liberty Chapel Baptist Church is Mrs. Natalie Robertson and I understand that this fine lady has a birthday coming up soon. That should be the occasion of special recognition from her wide circle of friends.

* * *

At hand is a publication of The Central Virginia Planning Commission. This group is active in promoting the area. Local members include Dr. S. R. Lawson, E. W. Carson, Mrs. Charlene Nash.

* * *

In a recent list of new books, I saw only two new issues pertaining to the Civil War. During the Centennial decade it was a favorite subject.

* * *

Note pad in conversation, one goal is to find a subject in which there is mutual interest, and then sit back and listen.

* * *

Keep warm. Keep moving. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad held its annual dinner and installation of officers for the new year on Saturday night, January 7, when Maudes catered the dinner served at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building.

New officers installed Saturday night were, seated left to right, Anderson Scruggs, President; Harry Ferguson, Jr., Vice President; James C. Rogers, Captain; Gordon Staples, Communications Officers; Toby Inge, Treasurer; and standing, left to right, Ray Noble, Training Officer; Nellie Almond, Second Lieutenant, Junior; Paul O. "Pete" Doss, First Lieutenant and Board of Governors Representative; Beck Hudson, Second Lieutenant, Senior; Pat O'Brien, Secretary; Bill Noble, Sergeant of Building and Grounds; and James Carter, Motor Sergeant.

Rescue Squad Installs Officers

The Appomattox County Rescue Squad marked another successful year of service to the people of Appomattox County when members, their wives/husbands, and other guests met on Saturday night, January 7, 1978, for a dinner and the installation of officers for the new year at the Appomattox County Rescue Squad Building.

James C. Rogers, Captain of the local squad, recognized guests present and introduced Terrell Griffin of Madison Heights, guest speaker for the evening and the installing officer.

Mr. Griffin is Director of Central Virginia Criminal Justice Training Center, and a six-year member of the Lynchburg Life Saving Crew. He spoke briefly about his work with the Criminal Justice Training Center and with the services being rendered by volunteer rescue squads.

The members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad average responding to an estimated 50 plus calls per month with 90 percent of these persons requiring first aid and transportation to a hospital. All members are volunteers and have had all necessary training to become active members in this organization. They give of time, day or night, in an effort to help their fellowman when in need and never ask for nor expect anything in return.

The confidence of the people of the county is in evidence each year when "Fund Drive" time comes around. The members have never failed to reach and exceed the goal they set for operating expenses and for updated equipment when needed.

All donations to the Appomattox County Rescue Squad go into the General Fund and are used for the sole purpose of rescue squad work. The dinner enjoyed once a year is made possible with the use of funds from projects sponsored by the squad members.

LOCAL RESCUE SQUAD ANSWERED 50 CALLS DURING MONTH OF DECEMBER

Members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 50 emergency calls during the month of December. Calls were answered for a total of six automobile accidents in which nine persons were injured, one killed and one died en route to a Lynchburg hospital. In responding to these calls, volunteer members spent a total of 209 manhours and travelled 2,109 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: maternity, 1; transports to hospitals by doctor request, 8; illnesses, 9; falls, 4; diabetics, 2; wrecks, 6; chest pains, 5; dead on arrival, 4; strokes, 3; hit by car, 1; nose bleed; 1; fight, 1; overdose, 1; check oxygen, 1; convulsions, 2; and back injury, 1.

DEADLINE FOR LICENSES JANUARY 31, 1978

January 31, 1978 is the deadline for State and County licenses, mobile home licenses and dog tags, according to Mrs. Ida H. Campbell, Treasurer of Appomattox County.

For the convenience of citizens of the county, the office of the Treasurer will be open Saturday, January 28th, from 9 a.m. until 12 noon.

Firemen Elect Officers For 1978

The Appomattox Volunteer Fire Department has elected officers for the 1978 year. New officers are Commissioner, C. R. Wooldridge; Chief and Training Officer, Robert Childress; Assistant Chief, Hugh Mitchell; 1st Lieutenant, G. H. Jamerson; 2nd Lieutenant, Addison Elder; 3rd Lieutenant, Freddy Godsey; 4th Lieutenant, Robert Wooten; Secretary, Earl Martin; Treasurer, Steve Bowling; and Equipment Sergeant, Mike Johnson.

The volunteer firemen responded to a total of 98 fires during 1977. 69 were in Appomattox County, 26 in the Town of Appomattox, and 3 outside the county. The average number of men answering calls were 8.2 spending a total of 930 hours and 5 minutes on the calls.

The Appomattox County Volunteer Fire Department would like to thank the businesses and citizens of Appomattox for their gifts and donations the past year and a special thanks to the Woman's Club of Appomattox for their donation of $100.00.

LIONS CLUB TO MEET TONIGHT

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday, at 6:45 p.m. at Maudes Restaurant.

Mrs. Jean Hesson, General Supervisor, Appomattox County Public Schools, will coordinate the program which will be on Special Education in Appomattox County. Participating in a panel discussion will be Mrs. Peggy Agee, Speecy Pathologist; Mrs. Evelyn Heising Ford, teacher of Trainable Mentally Retarded; and Mr. Brian Higgins, teacher of Learning Disabled students. This will be a very interesting and informative program and each member of the club will want to be present.

The Lions Club still has a few fruit cakes left for sale. If you would like to purchase fruit cakes you may get them at Wilbun's Supermarket or at Farmers National Bank, downtown.

FRIENDS OF THE LIBRARY TO MEET

The Friends of the Library will meet on Monday, January 16, 1978, at 7:30 p.m. at the Appomattox County Library.

Installation of the new officers will be held and planning for a "Go and See Tour" of other libraries in this area.

Mr. Ronnie Spiggle, Chairman of the Advisory Board, will report on the acceptance by the School Board of the priority needs list.

GLADSTONE TO HAVE CPR CLASS

A CPR Class will be held Monday, January 23rd, at 7 p.m. at the Gladstone Rescue Squad on Route 60 in Gladstone.

The public is invited to attend.

Watershed Project Dams In State Haven't Failed

Recent flooding and dam failures throughout the nation have touched most federal agencies in some way. "The Soil Conservation Service (SCS) of the Department of Agriculture is no exception," said State Conservationist David N. Grimwood.

Grimwood related some of the inquiries his staff has received concerning the safety of SCS dams -- Has the SCS ever lost a dam built in Virginia under the Public Law 566 watershed program? How about other states? If not, why? Are dams built under SCS programs inspected after construction?

"None of the 109 watershed project dams built in Virginia with SCS assistance have ever failed," answers Grimwood. Six of these are in Appomattox and Campbell Counties. He also explains that most of them were in operation during the devasting storms known as Camille (August 1969) and Agnes (June 1972). A severe storm also occurred in October 1972. "Our structures functioned properly during each of these storms. Yes, there was normal damage, but nothing serious." The State Conservationist says minor damage is expected during storms of great magniture. He also explains that SCS regulations require inspections for damage and repair work immediately following severe storms.

Dams built under the SCS programs are designed to trap and hold sediment accumulations for approximately 100 years. The pools of water behind the dams are also designed to retain and slowly release floodwaters from average to heavy rainfall. When a severe storm occurs, particularly in a short duration, the rainfall causes the pool to build up higher than normal. However; the dams are designed so that an emergency release action takes place. This emergency spillway action diverts the extreme flow around the dams, which protects the dams by preventing the water from going over the top and causing major damages. During Hurricane Agnes, about 20 SCS dams in Virginia had emergency spillway flow.

"We contribute the success of our dams to: competent and thorough engineering investigations of proposed sites; designing each dam to the requirements of specific sites; our meticulous inspection program during construction; and possibly the most important factor, the operation and maintenance of the dams," states Grimwood.

Before SCS agrees to construct a dam, the local people -- project sponsors -- must sign an agreement consenting to operate and maintain the structure for safety.

The first three years after construction are considered a critical establishment period. During this time, SCS personnel help the sponsors and train them to perform operation and maintenance duties, particularly the inspections. If any erosion or leakage is observed on the dam, an intensive investigation is made and repairs performed.

Grimwood said that SCS conducted a national survey early in 1977 which revealed that of the 6,622 dams built under SCS supervision, there have been no failures that resulted in loss of life or damage claims against the SCS or project sponsors.

Selected To Attend Presidential Classroom In Washington, D.C.

Appomattox County High School will participate in a unique goverament study program in Washington, D. C. by sending a student representative to attend the 1978 Presidential Classroom for Young Americans. Darrell Wade Puckett will represent his community and state as a member of the Classroom's National Student Body. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herman Puckett, Jr. of Spout Spring.

During the intensive one-week program, Darrell will join other outstanding high school students from across the nation and overseas in meeting with government leaders and Washington observers. Students attend formal seminars at which national decision-makers representing a wide range of political ideologies discuss the numerous operations and responsibilities of the Federal

DARRELL WADE PUCKETT

Government. Each seminar is followed by a question and answer period in which the students are free to personally explore the speaker's topic of

Continued on Page 7

A Closer Look At Industry In Appomattox

With a total of nearly 800 persons employed in the six garment factories serving Appomattox County, it may well be said that Appomattox County is doing it's part in keeping the nation clothed.

The garment industry had its beginning in Appomattox County in the late 1930's. The tox gives employment to a total of one hundred and sixty-five persons. The Appomattox Garment Company, with two plants in Appomattox employs a total of approximately four hundred people.

The two Appomattox Garment Company plants are a part of a total of ten plants formerly owned by Genesco and recently purchased by Fred Lawson. According to Lawson, the ten plants have a weekly payroll of $120,000 or a six-million dollar yearly payroll.

The Garment Industry-it has come a long way and is indeed an asset, not only to Appomattox County but to surrounding counties as well. Let's hope there will be continued growth.

beginning in Appomattox County in the late 1930's. The factory began operation in the A. T. Inge Store Building on Main Street. There were twenty-eight machines, fourteen on each side of the second-floor location, according to Mrs. A. T. Inge, who at the time, with her husband, the late Allison Inge was operating Inge's Store on the first floor of the building.

Financed by businessmen in Appomattox, the first garment company had the late Lindsey Crawley as President and Willie Mitchell as plant manager. The business grew and in a short while was moved to the lower side of the railroad tracks.

From twenty-eight machines to six different plants representing four companies, the garment industry has grown in Appomattox until there are a total of approximately 745 persons employed in all the plants. In a breakdown we find that Sangil employs 120 persons, Caryn Lynn 60, The Amelia Garment Co. with two plants in the county, one in Pamplin and one in Appomattox employs

Legion To Hold Promotional Material Showing

American Legion Post 104 will hold its annual sale of 1978 calendars and other advertising material sused as promotional items in business. These materials will be on display in The American Legion Building Monday and Tuesday, January 16 and 17. Display may be seen during the afternoon from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. each day and in the evening from 7 to 9 p.m.

This is a major fund-raising project for Post 104. Purchases made at this showing will save you money, as the sales are made by the Manufacturer and/or manufacturer's representative.

We ask all businesses who purchases promotional materials to visit the display and at least share your purchases.

DOWNTOWN MERCHANTS TO MEET

There will be a meeting of the Downtown Merchants on Monday evening, January 16, at 7:00 in the Town Hall.

All down town merchants are urged to attend this meeting.

Highway Fatalities Up In 1977

RICHMOND - After four years of steadily declining fatalities on Virginia's highways, the trend came to a gradual halt in 1977 and turned upward.

Preliminary statistics, according to the Virginia State Police, indicate that 1,133 persons lost their lives in 1977 on the Commonwealth's highways. The death toll last year was the eighth highest ever recorded in Virginia, but still considerably less than the record 1,304 set in 1969.

Virginia's second highest number of highway fatalities -- 1,256 -- was recorded in 1972 and in the four subsequent years had shown an encouraging decline. The toll fell to 1,220 in 1973, 1,050 in 1974, 1,030 in 1975 and 1,020 in 1976.

In each of the first four months of 1977, highway fatalities remained below those tallied in 1976. However, in May of 1977, 88 deaths were recorded as compared to 82 in May of 1976. In each subsequent month of 1977, highway deaths continued to surpass those of comparable months in 1976 but through July 1977 the State was still showing a slightly reduced year-to-date total.

Highway fatalities crept past those for a comparable 1976 period in August, 701 to 699. And the four remaining months of 1977 were disastrous with 433 persons being killed as compared to 321 in the last four months of 1976.

Dept. of Social Services Assessing Needs In County

The Appomattox County Department of Social Services is in the process of assessing the service needs of the citizens of Appomattox County for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1978.

How would you assess the needs of Appomattox County Citizens?

Will you evaluate the needs from your professional and civic overview and number them accordingly?

Indicate priority by numerals

Continued on Page 7

Ray Noble, left, is shown with James Cassidy, member of Concord Rescue Squad; Nellie Almond and Harry Ferguson, Jr., members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad, after presenting them with plaques in recognition of outstanding accomplishment in giving successful CPR for 19 minutes en route to Lynchburg General Hospital. Noble is Training Officer of the local squad and was the driver of the ambulance on this call. CPR is very exhausting so Noble called ahead to Concord and asked if a member could meet them on Route 460 and assist the rest of the way to Lynchburg. Cassidy responded on this call as he has done before when our squad felt that they needed additional help. This particular call was written up and sent to District V shortly after it happened and Appomattox County Rescue Squad won the "Call of the Month" trophy based on the write-up of this call. For those interested, the "Call of the Month" follows.

Continuous CPR Saves A Life

("Call of the Month" was written by Beck Hudson as told to her by Nellie Almond.)

"It was July 19, 1977, the time was 1:25 p.m. when a call for a person with chest pains was dispatched to the rescue squad. As is customary, three members were called to the squad building to respond to the call some twelve miles away.

Arriving at the scene we saw a woman waving her arms, screaming - the usual hysterical greeting we are so familiar with, motioning for us to hurry.

With the thought of a heart attack in mind, we went into the house with stretcher and our Life Pak 5 heart monitoring equipment; no room to maneuver so had to leave the stretcher in front room and go through a series of rooms to get to the subject who was lying on the floor of her bedroom in a 'puddle' of perspiration.

Vital signs were taken and upon questioning the victim we were told she had been having pains for three hours constantly and some pains for two weeks. She was sure it was her 'hiatus hernia' acting up one more time. We talked with her, reassuring her all would be fine but lost no time in getting her to the stretcher by way of a two-man lift.

We immediately dried off the perspiration so that the Life Pak 5 leads could be hooked up and we could look at the EKG tape.

All leads hooked up - it was now 1:45 p.m. - and as soon as we looked at the first strip from the monitor we anticipated trouble, real trouble.

In the ambulance with the patient, we explained to her that we would like to use the red lights and siren en route to the hospital and asked if the noise would bother her. She said no, only the pain was bothering her. She seemed to want to talk a lot and we tried to keep her as calm as possible - she wasn't anxious, just wanted to talk.

With red lights and siren going full blast, we were heading for Lynchburg General Hospital some thirty miles away. As soon as we got our phone call through to the Coronary Care Unit at Virginia Baptist Hospital where our patients are monitored, we gave the vitals - white female, age 67, pulse 100, blood pressure 11 - /80, pale, profuse perspiration, alert, normal breathing, pain in central chest. With the necessary information given the CCU nurse, our usual procedure was followed - continue monitoring, watch the patient carefully, and wait three minutes for the nurse to call back and tell us if she were receiving a good reading from our equipment. We slipped the

Continued on Page 7